

# ASK ARREST OF QUESTIONNAIRE EVADERS

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# REIGN OF TERROR SWEEPING PETROGRAD; SCORES KILLED

## Designate A Revenue Collector

All Single or Married Persons Earning More Than \$1,000 and \$2,000 a Year Respectively, Must Visit Officer and Pay Tax.

Prepare to pay to the U. S. government the special war tax upon your annual income. The federal authorities have appointed for Bridgeport an income tax collector who will receive the taxation levied upon all persons, single male or female, who earn \$1,000 a year or over and all married persons—wife or husband—whose earnings per annum total \$2,000 or more.

Don't ignore the new government tax; don't try to evade it as such action will result in fines ranging from \$20 to \$1,000 and you may go to jail. The newly appointed collector, whose name is not yet made public, will arrive in this city next month and open his offices in the postoffice building. He will be on hand until March 2 and can be seen every day from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m.

Every individual who is married, living with wife or husband, and having a net income during the year 1917 of \$2,000 or over, will be obliged to file a return. Unmarried persons having a net income of \$1,000 or over will be obliged to file a return. These returns must be made up on official forms before March 1, 1918.

The federal officer will have a supply of income tax forms with him. Because many people do not understand the law and will not know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this federal officer to assist them.

It is the duty of the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If an individual is not sure whether or no he is obliged to file a return, he should consult the federal officer, as penalties ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, and jail sentences, are imposed upon those who neglect their duty in this respect.

The collector suggests that everybody immediately start to figure up his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the federal officer arrives. Income includes about every dollar that one gets.

### QUEBEC SECESSION BILL

Quebec, Dec. 21.—A proposal that the province of Quebec secede from the confederation of Canadian provinces was contained in a motion introduced in the provincial legislative assembly today by J. N. Francoeur, deputy for L'Orignal. Quebec is the only province that voted against secession at the recent election.

### Mr. Ballard Now Has Nothing to Say About the King-Doll Letter

County Commissioner Ballard, in what was an obvious attempt to absolve John T. King from all blame for the protection afforded Baby Doll's den of iniquity, asserted to newspapermen that King wrote him a letter ordering the place be closed several months ago.

He promised to show the letter and the envelope in which it was mailed to a Farmer representative Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. He failed to keep the appointment.

Asked yesterday if he would produce the letter, he replied: "I have nothing to say."

"For what reason did you make an appointment with a representative of The Farmer and fail to keep it and now fail to produce the letter?" he was asked.

"I have nothing to say," replied Ballard.

Thus ended the lesson.

## PANNILL'S MURDER STARTS ROW IN POLICE DEPT.

A sharp clash between Detective-Captain Edward O. Cronan and Police Sergeant James Burns over the question of responsibility for the murder of Norris Pannill, sole victim of Sunday's "Baby Doll" riot, was an interesting side issue of Coroner Phelan's investigation yesterday.

Taking exception to statements repeatedly made by Captain Cronan, blaming the police for the killing, Sergeant Burns called upon the executive head of the detective bureau and asked him why he was accusing members of the force when he had no proof in support of his claims.

Captain Cronan replied that what he had said was perfectly proper, and an argument ensued, in the course of which Sergeant Burns severely criticized his superior officer for the attitude he had taken. He told him that it was not right of him to have blamed the police before having heard their side of the story.

In the midst of the argument, Superintendent John H. Redgate entered Captain Cronan's office, and without taking part, either to stop it or to make comment of any kind, he turned his back upon the two men. Sergeant Burns abruptly concluded his tirade and walked out.

Later, to a Farmer representative, Burns expressed the opinion that he and the other police officers were being treated unfairly in having reports spread to the effect that one of their number shot Pannill.

"Whether it's true or not, we ought to have been allowed to give proof first," said the sergeant. "As a matter of fact, no policeman shot Pannill, for there were only four of us

present at the time, and not one was in the street."

"We were hugging the doorway as closely as we could," added Sergeant Burns, "for the reason that a big negro was leaning out of an upper window with a revolver in his hand, and we weren't courting death."

Sergeant Burns said that not one policeman had fired a shot into the street until long after Pannill had run out of the clubhouse and disappeared around a corner. With reference to the fact that he had in his possession a .32 calibre revolver when the trouble occurred, Sergeant Burns said:

"What of that? I'm perfectly within my rights in carrying a .32, because the police regulations adopting the .38 as standard were not intended to apply to officers owning guns of smaller bore at the time the rule was made. However, even if I had shot into the street with my .32, I would have known that I didn't kill Pannill, because the bullet found in

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## POLICE RECEIVE NAMES OF MEN WHO FAILED TO RETURN QUESTIONNAIRES

The first division board has filed with the police department its first list of men who have failed to file their questionnaire in accordance with the selective draft law. According to the law the police are required to ascertain the whereabouts of these men who have failed to file their questionnaire and bring them before the local board.

The law allows the local police five days in which to look up all delinquents. After that period has elapsed the men will be considered deserters and will be treated as such in the carrying out of the law.

In many cases where men have already enlisted, the questionnaire has been returned to the draft board and in these cases of course the law takes official notice in regard to section 130 of the law regarding desertions.

The list of names as handed to the police follows:  
Frederick Bayne, 823 Broad street;  
Jacob Peipberg, 1257 Fairfield avenue;  
Konstanty Bialawicki, 229 Gregory street;  
Frank Urbin, 76 Labia street;  
Stefan Oskniel, 139 Courtland street;  
Simoon Gubosky, 713 Lafayette street;  
John Kerezsi, 411 Bostwick avenue;  
Charles Zalsow, 235 Ridge avenue;  
Lung Hong Payn, 235 Ridge avenue;  
Sherry Shinn, 258 Cherry street;  
James M. Arvanitides, 254

## HEAVEN TO CARE FOR HIS FAMILY WHILE HE FIGHTS

A demonstration of patriotism warranting the attention of all slackers, occurred in the office of the legal advisory board of the Third Division local board, yesterday, when a giant Russian, being an alien, employed in the Remington Arms plant and having a wife and two children to support, refused to sign a waiver for exemption on any one of the three possible claims.

When asked if he thought he should be exempted because he was an alien, the Russian smiled and said, "I want to fight." The lawyer asked, "What will happen to your family?"

The registrant made no reply, but pointed his finger heavenward. Being pressed, the man steadfastly refused to sign a waiver on his questionnaire, which would result in his absolute discharge on two and possibly three grounds.

## City Will Use Jail Laborers

Prisoners at County Institution May be Available for Work on Streets After July 1, If Present Plans Are Adopted.

Steps which will make male prisoners in the county jail available for work on the city streets are expected to be taken by the county commissioners and the members of a special committee appointed by the last legislature at a joint meeting held on Dec. 26.

The county commissioners and the members of the committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon and in the opinion of those present the most feasible plan under present circumstances is to permit the city of Bridgeport to have the benefit of the labor of these prisoners.

The average number of prisoners in the county jail is 150 and it is the opinion of the legislative committee that this number would help greatly. It is also much deplored that the committee cannot make the help available at present to clear the city streets of the snow and thus permit deliveries of coal to many families badly in need.

The county labor is at present under contract and it is understood that the greater part of it is used in making shoes while the balance is employed in the manufacture of cement blocks.

The present contract for the labor expires on July 1, and it is for this reason that the committee is considering a means of disposing of it to advantage for the following year.

## ALEX. MUNSON, YALE ATHLETE, TRAIN VICTIM

Stamford, Dec. 21.—The body of a young man found beside the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad yesterday was identified today by Robert B. Munson of New York as that of his son, Alexander McKee Munson. A card on the body indicated identity and Mr. Munson was communicated with. He made the identification definite.

Mr. Munson said his son, who was a graduate of Yale, was on his way to that institution and he believes he was struck by a train while crossing the tracks to board his own train. He was 23 years old and rowed on the second Yale crew in 1915 and 1916. In the college vacation of 1915 he went to France and joined an ambulance corps. A brother is a member of the Lafayette escadrille in France and a sister in Boston is the wife of the son of former Gov. Russell of Massachusetts.

## SEEKING DRIVER HURT IN CRASH

After a trolley car had struck his milk wagon at Maplewood and Park avenues, early this morning, upsetting the vehicle and spilling its contents into the street, Louis Dolingo, of 114 Beers street, left the scene to seek treatment for a scalp wound he had suffered and has not been located since.

It was thought that the man might have gone to a hospital, but inquiry failed to reveal his whereabouts, and the police are aiding members of his family in a search for him. The fear is that Dolingo may have received an injury which deprived him of his senses, and that he may now be wandering aimlessly about the countryside.

Reports first had it that Dolingo had two horses attached to the rig, and that they were killed, but later investigation showed that he had only one horse, though that one was seriously hurt.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—An increase of 7.5 per cent. in the wages of railroad clerks and telegraphers has been granted by the St. Louis Southwestern railroad (Cotton Belt). The increase is effective Jan. 1.

## States All Will Have Xmas Fuel

After a Conference With Chairman Carl Siemon Dealers Agree to Send Out Teams—Plenty of Coal Now on Hand for Public.

No relief being offered by the city in regards to making Bridgeport streets passable for coal dealers' carts, Carl F. Siemon, chairman of the fuel committee, and the dealers reached an agreement today, whereby there will be no suffering on Christmas Day for lack of coal. The dealers, at Siemon's request, have agreed to send out their teams and make deliveries of the coal they can.

The city practically ignored the committee's appeals and today, one week after the storm, Main street is the only thoroughfare passable to traffic and this is a sea of mud. Some citizens and manufacturers have shovelled passage ways to their places, but as a rule little attention has been paid to the committee request for aid.

Despite the handicaps, deliveries were started today and the 100 half-ton orders, the committee's daily allotment, were quickly distributed today. Because of the announcement made yesterday that no deliveries would be made until the streets were cleared, this morning's crowd was small, but there were more than enough persons to take the allotment.

One woman, who gave her name as Mrs. Andooyak Chukinyan of 1425 Seaview avenue, became hysterical. She fought to get a place in the front of the line, but was restrained by Policeman Edward Bolger. She sat on the floor and after being lifted into a chair, she sat and sobbed for nearly an hour. Treatment was administered by nurses from the hospital of the Manufacturers' Liability Insurance Co., which adjoins the coal committee's office.

Siemon received word today from State Administrator Thomas W. Russell that efforts are being made to get a plentiful supply of bituminous coal for the factories. Russell will make another trip to Washington. Explaining the seriousness of the factory situation, Siemon said "The factories at present are comfortably supplied, but if shipments of coal were delayed by weather, it would have a disastrous result in Bridgeport."

## CORONER CALLED TO INVESTIGATE CASE IN ANSONIA

Ansonia, Dec. 21.—County Coroner Mix was called here today to investigate the death of Louis Sochrin, a local shoe dealer who died in the Griffin hospital this morning after a few hours' sickness. Sochrin was stricken in his store shortly after supper last night. There are no suspicious circumstances, but the physicians who attended Sochrin were unable to determine the exact cause of death and the coroner was called in.

## 47 PASSENGERS KILLED IN CRASH

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when a Louisville & Nashville express train, Cincinnati for New Orleans, crashed into the rear end of a Louisville, Bardonia and Springfield accommodation train, had reached 47 today.

The wreck, said to be the worst in the history of the Louisville & Nashville, occurred just after the local train had pulled out from the station here. The local had gone only a short distance when the other train came into sight, travelling at a high speed, and crashed into it.

Blame for the disaster seems to hinge upon whether the fast train had been given a clear block.

## FIFTEEN SOLDIERS DRINK SELVES TO DEATH IN ONE DISTILLERY AS BOLSHEVIKI LEADERS HEAD BLOODY BATTLES IN CITY STREETS

London, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms, the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph wires under date of Thursday.

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Incessant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with the efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine cellars.

A mob raided one distillery where 15 soldiers drank themselves to death.

Fifteen persons were killed and wounded when an armored motor car attacked the distillery, which was set on fire. The fire department was prevented from extinguishing the blaze by rowdies and many persons were burned before the situation was brought under control.

The streets are running with wine in many sections where the soldiers are pumping wine out of the cellars to prevent disorder.

A Bolshevik force commanded by released German and Austrian officer prisoners has defeated the anti-Bolshevik at Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan. The dispatch also says that it is believed that a force of released enemy prisoners equivalent to two army corps commanded by their own officers is now within striking distance of Petrograd.

The Rumanians on the southwestern Russian front have joined the Ukrainians and Lieut. Gen. D. G. Sticherbatieff, commander of the Russian forces in Rumania, has been appointed commander in chief of the whole Ukrainian front, according to a report received here. The Bolshevik and Ukrainian troops are reported to be advancing on each other, being three versts apart.

## ARTILLERY DUEL ON VERDUN LINE

Paris, Dec. 21.—Active artillery fighting on the Verdun front east of the Meuse is reported by the war office. The artillery is active also at points on the eastern end of the line, especially in the vicinity of Hartmans-weilerkopf and east of Thann.

## CONGRESS PUSHES PROBE OF SHIPPING, ARMY WORK AND SHORTAGE OF SUGAR

Washington, Dec. 21.—With the opening today of the Congressional inquiry into the activities of the shipping board, three investigations of war organizations were under way. In addition to the shipping board, various arms of the War Department and the Food Administration were under fire.

Inquiry into the progress of the government shipbuilding program was begun by the Senate commerce committee today with Chairman Hurley of the shipping board as the first witness.

The committee has called on Mr. Hurley to be ready with the following information. An itemized statement of all contracts with the names and locations of contracting parties; the number of ships constructed; number of ships under construction and the amount of work completed on each; details concerning the construction of ships for private accounts. The Senate investigation of the sugar shortage was resumed with

George M. Rolph, director of the food administration's sugar bureau, on the witness stand. The committee was prepared to have Mr. Rolph explain in detail the effect the food administration's price fixing activities had on the situation.

Members of the senate military committee investigating the army war preparations, opened a new phase of the inquiry by questioning Quartermaster General Sharpe on the relation of the clothing shortage to disease epidemics in training camps.

Without waiting for congressional appropriations the war department authorized orders for clothing equipment for 1,000,000 troops before the United States went to war. It was brought out in the testimony of General Sharpe, Secretary Baker, General Sharpe said, authorized orders for clothing and other supplies for the million men just before the war declaration and in June approved orders to equip another half million men.

Believed at first to have been suffering from ptomaine poisoning, five-year-old Austin J. Hurst, of 90 Bond street, was taken in a semi-conscious condition first to the Emergency, then to the Bridgeport hospital, this morning.

Under treatment, however, he quickly rallied, and it was found that he had merely upset his stomach by eating too much "taffy-on-the-stick". The lad was sent home this afternoon.

Farmers fired on two army balloons late near Macon, Ga.

Danbury, Dec. 21.—Sherman Pearl, 70 years old, was struck by a train on the Central New England railroad here while on his way to work as a section hand this morning, and lay in the snow until discovered by some one passing along the track. His injuries may result fatally.